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Newsline Extra features time-sensitive information about State Library programs and current news of interest to the Missouri library community.

MOSL to exhibit at MLA Conference

The Missouri State Library will host an exhibit at the Missouri Library Association Annual Conference and Trade Show on October 4-5, 2006, in Columbia. The exhibit will feature Wolfner Library's 75th anniversary, State Library services and the 2007 summer reading program theme. State Library staff will be at the exhibit throughout the conference to answer questions about services, grants or training. Be sure to visit the State Library exhibit during the Exhibitor's Reception on Wednesday, October 4, and enjoy a piece of anniversary cake! For more information about the conference, visit the [MLA Web site](#).

National Library of Medicine offers health information tutorial

The National Library of Medicine has developed an online tutorial to assist librarians and patrons in finding reliable health information on the internet. The tutorial reviews how to evaluate health information online by considering the provider, purpose and privacy management. It is approximately 16 minutes long and requires a Flash plug-in, version 6 or above, to view it. Visit the [National Library of Medicine Web site](#) to view the tutorial. Missouri is one of the six states forming the MidContinental Region of the National Network of Libraries of Medicine. Barb Jones, Missouri Liaison for the NN/LM network, is available to libraries in Missouri for trainings and information on National Library of Medicine databases and other health information subjects. For more information on training, contact Barb Jones at 573-884-5042 or jonesbarb@health.missouri.edu.

ALA offers online course on legislative advocacy

The American Library Association has announced a free online course on legislative advocacy. The three-part course "Messaging and Talking with Congress: An Interactive Workshop," is designed for both veteran library advocates and those who are new to advocacy. The course guides users through the process of developing messages, teaches users to communicate effectively with members of Congress and other elected officials and offers strategies on building lasting relationships with Congressional staff. Users may navigate the course at their own pace and download and print helpful worksheets. ALA members may take the course free of charge. All other participants pay a registration fee of \$24.95. More details may be found on the [ALA Web site](#). For more information about accessing the course, please contact Erin Haggerty at ehaggerty@alawash.org.

RUSA announces call for nominations for 2007 awards

The Reference and User Services Association (RUSA), a division of the American Library Association (ALA), is pleased to announce a call for nominations for its 17 awards for 2007. RUSA recognizes outstanding achievement by members of the library profession in the field of reference and adult services librarianship. These awards honor librarians, publishers, libraries and authors for significant current or past achievements such as publications, program development and leadership in the profession. All award criteria and submission information is available on the awards section of the [RUSA Web site](#) along with information about the current recipients. RUSA encourages people to submit nominations for awards by December 15 unless otherwise noted in the criteria.

New online resources for immigration-themed programming

The Public Programs Office (PPO) of the American Library Association (ALA) is pleased to announce the creation of a new Web site designed to assist librarians in creating public programs on the theme "Becoming American - New Immigration Stories." The project is designed to provide libraries throughout the United States with an excellent selection of books on immigrant literature for adults and families.

In the fall of 2004, ALA hosted a planning meeting to discuss building excellent collections of American immigrant literature for adults and families. An advisory group of librarians and scholars convened to facilitate the creation of reading lists for children, young adults and adult readers. The "Becoming American - New Immigration Stories" Web site has been created to share the outcomes of this project with librarians and facilitate local programming related to the theme. The site includes reading lists, downloadable bookmarks and programming resources to help librarians engage their communities in reading and discussing important texts containing rich and deep insights into America's vibrant tradition of immigrant literature.

"Becoming American - New Immigration Stories" is part of the "Millennium Project for Public Libraries," an initiative of the National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH), the Library of America (LOA) and the ALA. The Carnegie Corporation of New York provided funding. For complete information, visit the [project Web site](#).

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